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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Nobuaki TOMIDOKORO, et al

SERIAL NO: 09/195,604

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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: EXAMINER: POKRZYWA, J.

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2622

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of December 5, 2001, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

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02 FC:102

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-7 as shown in the marked-up copy attached. A clean form of the amended Claims 1-7 is as follows:

1. (Amended) An image forming device management system including:
- a plurality of image forming devices;
 - a central service station for providing a maintenance service for the image forming devices; and
 - a communication control unit connected to each of the image forming devices by a signal line, the communication control unit connecting one of the image forming devices to the central service station by a communication network,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-Up Copy

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The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS | CLAIMS REMAINING | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID | NO. EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | CALCULATIONS | |
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| TOTAL | 36 | MINUS | 29 | 7 | × \$18 = | \$126.00 | |
| INDEPENDENT | 11 | MINUS | 8 | 3 | × \$84 = | \$252.00 | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | + \$280 = | \$0.00 | |
| | | TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | | \$378.00 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment | | | + \$40 = | \$0.00 | |
| | | TOTAL | | | | | \$378.00 |

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$378.00** is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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